

Community Preservation Program

Acton 2005 Town Meeting Article 17

- Overview of Acton's Community Preservation Act (CPA) Process
- Projects recommended for Appropriation
- Conclusion



Acton's CPA Process

- CPA adopted by Acton in 2002
- Community Preservation Fund
 - 1.5% surcharge on town real estate property tax bills
 - Matched 100% by State funds
- CP Fund may only be used for:
 - Open space
 - Historic preservation
 - Community housing
 - Recreational uses



Acton's CPA Process

- Acton Community Preservation Committee (CPC)
 - Required by state statute
- Purpose
 - Study needs
 - Encourage project proposal submission
 - Facilitate an open and public deliberation process
 - Recommend appropriations from CP fund at Town Meeting



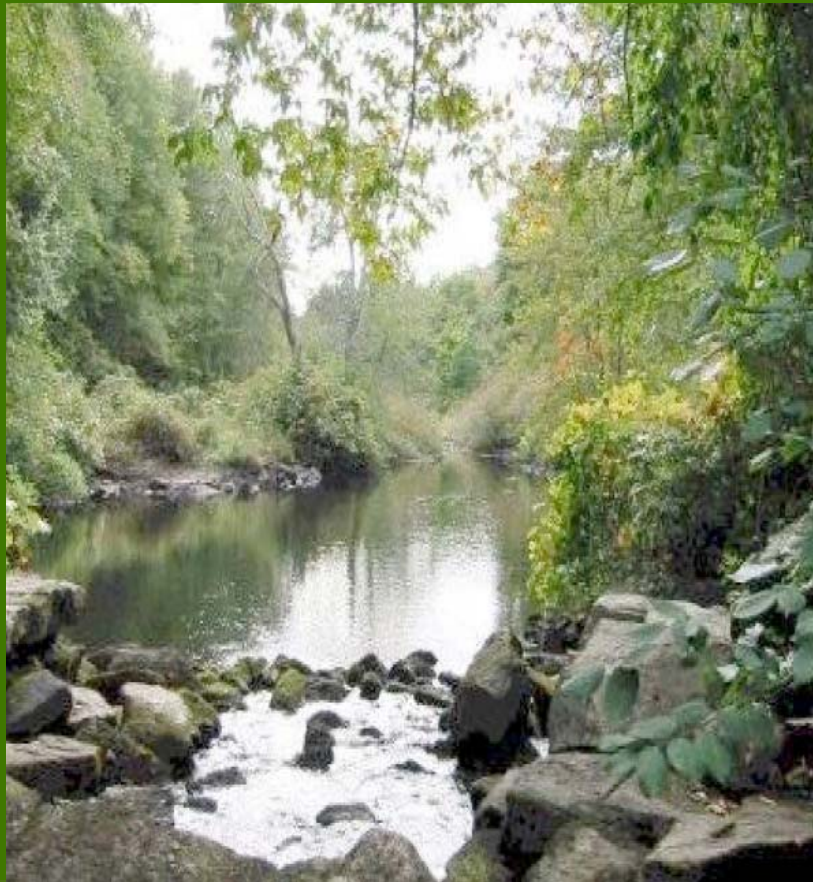
Acton's CPA Process

- Timeline
 - 09/04 FY2004 CP Fund \$1,149,458 balance confirmed:
 - \$ 70,793 unencumbered funds from FY2003 balance
 - \$ 4,155 interest earnings
 - \$539,863 from Acton taxpayers
 - \$534,467 from state matching funds
 - 10/04 Updated CPC plan and submission guidelines
 - 11/04 Received 14 proposals
 - 02/05 Completed 3 months public hearings on proposals
 - 02/05 Finalized FY2004 appropriations recommendations



A: Open Space Set-Aside

Applicant: Acton Community Preservation Committee

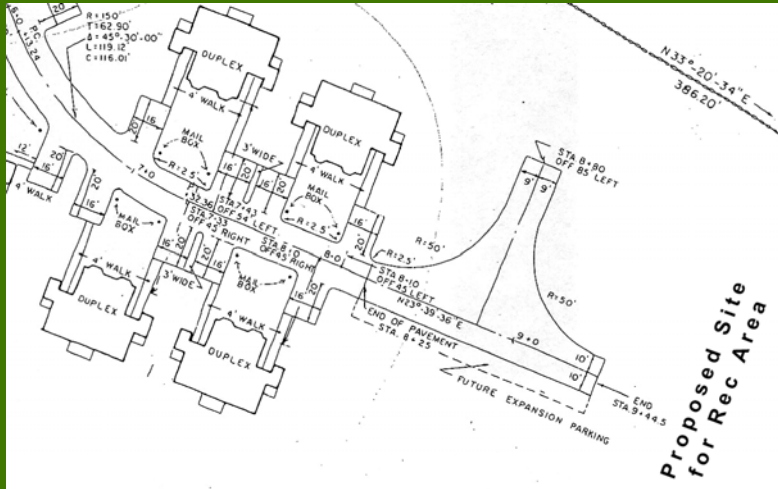


- No eligible open space applications received
- \$300,000 set-aside for future open space purchase or protection
- Brings total set-aside to \$500,000



B: McCarthy Village Recreation Area

Applicant: Acton Housing Authority



- AHA-owned low-income family housing complex
- \$20,000 for design and construction of a small recreation area
- Picnic tables, sitting area, volleyball, basketball, tether ball, other passive games



C: Community Housing Program Fund

Applicant: Acton Community Housing Corporation



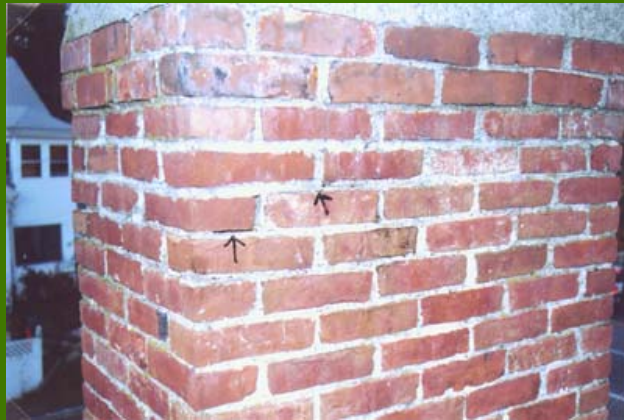
ACHC sponsored affordable housing on Dunham Lane in Acton

- \$160,000 to further endow the Community Housing Fund, to be managed by the ACHC
- To be used for a variety of community housing initiatives



D: Jones Tavern Chimney Stabilization

Applicant: Iron Work Farm in Acton, Inc.



Arrows indicate areas of mortar failure



Eroded mortar joints, biological growth, loss of upper brick

- Jones Tavern is on the National Register of Historic Places
- \$30,000 towards restoring four brick chimneys (circa 1732-1845)
- Matched by \$5,000 in private donations



E: Town Hall Slate Roof Replacement

Applicant: Town of Acton

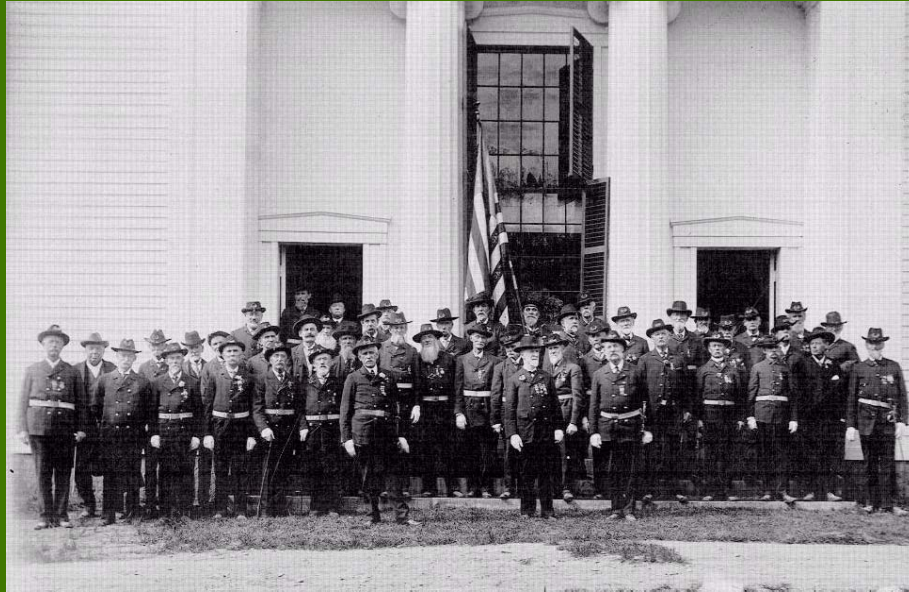


- \$120,000 to replace the current slate roof
- Current roof is original to the building, constructed 1862-1864
- Certificate of Appropriateness has been issued by the Historic District Commission for the proposed replacement



F: Acton Civil War Artifacts

Applicant: Town of Acton



GAR (Grand Army of the Republic) members at Acton GAR Post, 1900

- \$30,150 to create a display area in original Memorial Library building to present Acton's Civil War artifacts
- Artifacts donated by Acton veterans & their families
- Matched by \$4,000 in private donations
- Restoration of three alcoves as exhibit space, exhibit design, display installation, lighting, and other items



G: Colonel Faulkner Memorial Plaque

Applicant: Town of Acton

1728 Francis Faulkner 1805
Acton's Selectman & Town Clerk 1760 - 1796
“Upright in Character, Wise in Counsel, Faithful in Service”

- \$1,000 to create and mount replacement plaque
- Original plaque privately donated in 1925 & displayed in the High School
- Lost when H.S. was converted to the "Towne" School
- Reinstate Col. Faulkner among Acton's historic figures



H: Pine Hawk Curatorial Display

Applicant: Town of Acton



- \$24,000 to develop curatorial display of the Pine Hawk native American artifacts dating back 7,000 years
- Allow Acton residents to view artifacts found near the Assabet River in South Acton and learn more about the culture that used this land prior to the Colonists



I: Antique Fire Apparatus Restoration

Applicant: Town of Acton



- \$20,000 for restoration of Town's two matching Reo 1936 engines
- Matched by \$15,000 funds donated by Acton firefighters and private citizens



J: Bruce Freeman Rail Trail

Applicant: Town of Acton



- \$75,000 for initial easement and right-of-way negotiations and for engineering design
- Highly leveraged by federal and state grants



K: Multi-Use Rec Space at Leary Field

Applicant: A-B Regional School District



- \$250,000 for creation of a new multi-use recreation space at Leary Field
- Matched by \$250K from ABRSD/ CommEd capital funds and \$315K private donations
- 4X increase in field availability
- Smart Growth (safety, environmentally sound, uses existing parking & lighting, cash flow positive)



Conclusion

Purpose	Recommended Amounts
A. Open Space Set-Aside	\$300,000.00
B. McCarthy Village Recreation Area	\$20,000.00
C. Community Housing Program Fund	\$160,000.00
D. Jones Tavern Chimney Stabilization	\$30,000.00
E. Town Hall Slate Roof Replacement	\$120,000.00
F. Civil War Artifacts Display	\$30,150.00
G. Colonel Faulkner Memorial Plaque Replacement	\$1,000.00
H. Pine Hawk Curatorial Display	\$24,000.00
I. Antique Fire Apparatus Restoration	\$20,000.00
J. Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Start-up Funding	\$75,000.00
K. Multi-Use Recreation Space at Leary Field	\$250,000.00
L. Administrative Cost Reimbursement	\$53,717.50
Total Recommended Appropriations	\$1,083,866.50
Un-Appropriated CP Funds	\$65,591.21

- Compelling Projects
- Thoroughly Vetted
- Public Process
- CP Funds Leveraged Wherever Possible
- Smart Growth

